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Title: Need to release adequate funds for early completion of Quilon-Virudunagar meter-gauge rail line into broad-gauge.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (ADOOR): Sir, the Quilon-Virdunagar meter-gauge rail line has been taken for conversion into broad gauge. But this conversion is done only in phased manner. Now the Southern Railway has decided to take up the gauge conversion work from Quilon to Punalur also. This section is only 40 kms. But the allocation of fund is very meagre. The total amount of money estimated is Rs. 60 crore. But this year only one crore has been allocated. The Railways have planned to complete the work by 2006. But is very long time for the completion. The people of this area demand for its early completion. Therefore, I request the Union Government through Hon'ble Speaker to allocate maximum funds for early completion of this project.